

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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September 5, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

RADAR SPEED ENFORCEMENT SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5 3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt an Order instructing Public Works to coordinate with the California Highway Patrol to implement radar speed enforcement on Spunky Canyon Road between San Francisquito Canyon Road and Calle Bonita in the Green Valley area.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Green Valley's Traffic Response Action Committee (TRAC) is concerned about public safety in regard to the speed at which motorists are traveling and has requested the use of radar speed enforcement on this route.

Our investigation has verified that the traffic on this route in the unincorporated area of the County is traveling at excessive speeds. High-speed surveillance and pursuit exposes the offender, law enforcement personnel, and the general public to increased accident potential. The use of radar will significantly reduce accident potential.

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<u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since radar enforcement significantly reduces speeding and accident potential caused by high-speed surveillance and pursuit and, therefore, will improve the quality of life in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Not applicable.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On March 31, 1987, your Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Highway Patrol for the expanded use of radar enforcement within the unincorporated area of the County. The Memorandum of Understanding was revised and approved as an agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the California Highway Patrol by your Board on October 5, 1993. A key provision of the agreement requires the use of radar on any additional routes be subject to mutual approval by the County of Los Angeles and the California Highway Patrol. The proposed recommendation for the use of radar on this route is in conformance with this provision of the 1993 agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The establishment of radar enforcement, including the installation of related traffic control devices required to notify the motoring public, is categorically exempt under Class 1-(X)7 of the Environmental Guidelines approved by your Board.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

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CONCLUSION

At such time as this recommendation may be approved, please return one copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office County Counsel